

REMARKS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested. By the current amendment, Applicants:

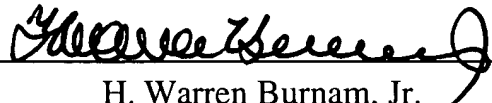
1. Editorially amend the specification, particularly to claim the benefit of and incorporate by reference United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/365,826, filed August 3, 1999.
2. Apprise the Examiner of the filing of an Amendment and a REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR §1.48(c)(1) FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP in conjunction with United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/365,826, filed August 3, 1999 to add the inventors of the captioned application as joint inventors of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/365,826.
3. Advise the Examiner of the filing of a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney which claims the benefit of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/365,826, filed August 3, 1999.
4. Advise the Examiner of the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) which lists the Written Opinion for the corresponding PCT patent application.
5. Add new independent method claim 23 and claim 24 dependent thereon.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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